



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, New provisions relating to self-insured State
3 health insurance plans require that plan beneficiaries obtain
4 prescription drugs from mail-order pharmacies instead of local
5 pharmacies located in this State; and

6 WHEREAS, A patient's relationship with his or her local
7 pharmacist is important to the patient's health care; a patient
8 using a mail-order pharmacy cannot ask a pharmacist questions
9 face-to-face and will not receive individual attention,
10 possibly jeopardizing the patient's health; and

11 WHEREAS, The use of a mail-order pharmacy may create
12 serious problems in the timing of a patient's receipt of
13 necessary prescription drugs; and

14 WHEREAS, Prescription-drug business with local pharmacies
15 is important to the economy of this State and will suffer if
16 State health insurance plan beneficiaries are required to use
17 mail-order pharmacies instead; the required use of mail-order
18 pharmacies may result in the closure of local pharmacies and
19 diminished access to pharmacy services for the people of
20 Illinois; and

21 WHEREAS, The closure of local pharmacies will lead to a
22 loss of jobs in the cities and towns of this State, increased
23 unemployment, and a greater financial burden on the State;
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
27 urge the Governor to reconsider the new mandatory mail-order
28 pharmacy provisions that have been added to the self-insured
29 State health insurance plans; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be
2 forwarded to the Governor.